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Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed May 16, 2002 (paper no. 14) and the Advisory Action mailed October 2, 2002 (paper no. 17). Per the petition and fee submitted herewith, Applicant invokes the benefit of 37 CFR 1.136 to secure a three-month extension of time up to and including November 16, 2002. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

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